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# **ANNUAL REPORT**

**OF THE**

## **TOWN OFFICERS**

**OF THE**

## **TOWN OF ORANGE**

**NEW HAMPSHIRE**



**FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
DECEMBER 31, 1991**



IN MEMORIAM

JOEL BRADFORD DALTON

October 25, 1931-December 6, 1991

Selectman Town of Orange

1976-1980

N. H. STATE LIBRARY

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## Selectmens Comments

As yet another Town Meeting rolls around, it seems appropriate to mention a few well deserved Thank Yous to some of the many people who help to make our town "work".

First and foremost, we express our heartfelt appreciation to Leon Valia, Selectman, caretaker of Town Highways, member of many boards and a tireless supporter of Orange activities. We'll sorely miss his many, many hours of devotion but wish him all the best in his retirement.

We'd like to express our appreciation to the Mascoma High School Graphics Arts Class for the production of the cover on this book! Between the cover and printing the book ourselves on our new computer, the savings were substantial.

During the year our Town was reappraised and we thank all the taxpayers for their support, understanding and patience throughout this always stressful process.

We have a wonderful town, good community spirit and very devoted group of citizens who contribute many hours of volunteerism!

Thanks.

Skip, John & Gerri



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## TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator.....	Daniel Hazelton
Town Clerk.....	Nancy Pike
Deputy Clerk.....	Emily Webster
Treasurer.....	Susan Pfaefflin
Collector of Taxes.....	Sharon Proulx
Deeding Agent.....	Sharon Proulx
Cemetery Agent.....	Cliff Williamson
Health Officer.....	Lyell Smith
Police Chief.....	Andrew Ware
Overseer Of Public Welfare.....	Sandi Pierson
Trustee Of Trust Funds.....	Judith Connelly
School Board Representative.....	Susan Pfaefflin
Library Trustee.....	Joanne Moulton

## SELECTMEN

Chairman.....	Lyell Smith '92
Geraldine Daniels.....	'93
Leon Valia/ John Bayliss.....	'92

## SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Anita Watson '96....Rhoda Farr '92....Mary Lindahl '92....

## BUDGET COMMITTEE

Chairman.....	Walter Kelly
.....Nate Harpootlian.....	Robert Scotland....

## PLANNING BOARD

Chairman.....	Bob Ells '92
Sandi Pierson.....	'94
David Watson.....	'93
Ray Miller.....	'94
Daniel Hazelton.....	'93
Fred Moore.....	'92
Selectmens Representative.....	Lyell Smith

## ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Chairman.....	Don Pfaefflin
Wayne Knight.....	'92
Beverly Ells.....	'93
Donna Dias.....	'92
Selectmens Representative.....	John Bayliss
Alternate.....	Judith Connelly
Alternate.....	Cindy Hall



## RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Chairman..... Fred Moore  
.....Howard Reed..... Nate Harpootlian.....

## CEMETERY COMMISSION

...Elwin Grace..... Anita Watson.....Cliff Williamson....

## FOREST FIRE WARDEN

..... Brent Stevens.....

## DEPUTY WARDENS

Daniel Hazelton..... Raymond Miller  
.....Ronald Hammond.....

## AUDITORS

.....James Marshall.....Susan Gabor.....

## BUILDING INSPECTOR

.....Donald Pfaefflin.....

## DEPUTY BUILDING INSPECTOR

.....Bill Cady.....

## Board of Selectmen

Town of Orange, N.H. 03741

## TOWN WARRANT

## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town Of Orange, in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED to meet at the Town House in said Orange on Tuesday, the 10th day of March, 1992, at three o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects. The polls to remain open until eight P.M.

ARTICLE 1: To choose by ballot and plurality vote a Town Clerk, a Town Treasurer, 1 Selectman for 3 years, 1 Selectman for 2 years, 1 Cemetery Agent, 1 Overseer of Public Welfare for 1 year, 1 Budget Committee Member for 1 year, 1 Budget Committee Member for 2 years, 1 Budget Committee Member for 3 years, 2 Auditors for 1 year, 1 Road Agent, 1 Tax Collector, 1 Library Trustee, 1 Deeding Agent, 1 Trustee of Trust Funds for 1 year, 1 Moderator for 2 years, 1 Supervisor of the Checklist for 6 years.

Beginning at seven o'clock in the evening, a vote on the following articles:

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes to pay necessary Town charges.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to give a discount of 3% on taxes paid in full within thirty days from the date of the bills with the stipulation that the discount becomes forfeited if it is not deducted by the payer at the time the payment is made.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the prepayment of taxes and to authorize the Tax Collector to accept payments in prepayment of taxes in accordance with N.H.R.S. 80:52-2.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and the Deeding Agent to administer or dispose of any real estate acquired through the Tax Collectors Deed in the Town or to the original owner, as justice may require.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the prepayment of resident taxes and authorize the Tax Collector to accept payment in prepayment of taxes.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept and expend gifts of money or personal property, for the purpose intended by the donor and in addition apply, receive and expend any federal or state assistance not anticipated as of the annual Town Meeting, on the condition that the Selectmen shall account to the Voters of the Town for such additional receipts and expenses in accordance with the provisions of N.H.R.S. 31:95B

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the Highway Block Grant Fund of \$18,762.16 for Construction, reconstruction, and maintainance of Class 4 or 5 highways and for purchase of equipment.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the work on the Town Hall addition.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to the Mary Rickson Scholarship. Said monies shall be accounted for and utilized by the Scholarship Committee for the benefit of the students of the Town of Orange.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to close the Orange Town Library and to eliminate the position of Library Trustee.



ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Historical Commission consisting of 1 Selectman and four residents for a period of one year. The responsibility of the Commission will be to establish and oversee a historical collection in the room that now houses the Orange Town Library and to report annually to the Town.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the Library Funds of \$150.00 to the Historical Commission for the purpose of revitalizing the upstairs in the Orange Town Hall.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1500.00 for the purpose of bringing the Town Hall closer to State Fire Codes, by installing a system of smoke detectors, and pull handles.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to request that residents of Orange be allowed to use Orange, N.H., instead of Canaan, N.H., in their mailing address the request would be made to the postmaster of Canaan, N.H.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to charge for repeated false security alarms. On a calendar year basis, the first false alarm would be without charge, the second would be charged \$50.00 and subsequent false alarms would be at \$100.00 each.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$105,120.00 as called for by the budget, submitted by the Budget Committee, and pass any vote in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 18: To hear the reports of agents, auditors, and other officers heretofore and pass any vote relative thereto.

ARTICLE 19: To Transact any business that may legally come before the meeting not in the warrant.

ARTICLE 20: The polls shall not close earlier than eight o'clock in the evening.

Given under our hand and seal this Seventeenth day of February in the year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Ninety Two.

Lyell C. Smith  
John E. Bayliss III  
Geraldine L. Daniels

# ORANGE TOWN LIBRARY REPORT

## 1991

There was no money expended on books and no work done in the Library pending the results of the 1992 Town Meeting. A committee was appointed at the 1991 Meeting and the recommendations of this Committee to be placed on the Warrant at the 1992 Town Meeting.

Joanne H. Moulton  
Librarian

### SOURCES OF REVENUES

	Estimated Revenues 1991	Actual Revenues 1991	Estimated Revenues 1992
<b>TAXES:</b>			
Land Use Change Tax	\$5,600	\$5,304	\$0
Resident Taxes	1,400	1,240	1,400
Yield Taxes	8,000	3,572	3,500
Railroad tax	400	211	150
Int. & Pen. on Delin. Taxes	1,400	2,590	3,000
Inventory Penalties	100	0	100
<b>LICENSES, PERMITS &amp; FEES:</b>			
Business Licenses & Permits:	400	257	300
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	16,000	15,353	15,000
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	300	292	300
<b>FROM STATE:</b>			
Shared Revenue	6,000	4,911	5,000
Highway Block Grant	18,910	18,910	18,762
State/ Fed. Forest Land Reimb.	6,000	3,902	2500
<b>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES:</b>			
Interest On Investments	4,500	4,291	4,200
<b>CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS:</b>			
Appraisal Fund	13,000	14,379	0
Cemetery Fund	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,350</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES/CREDITS</b>	<b>\$84,500</b>	<b>\$77,562</b>	<b>\$54,212</b>



# FINANCIAL REPORT

## ASSETS

### Cash:

In hands of Treasurer Jan. 1 1992.....74,236.92

### Unredeemed Taxes:

Levy of 1990.....13,864.79

Previous Years.....,12,387.79

### Uncollected Taxes:

Resident Taxes, Prior Years..... 240.00

### Property Taxes

Levy of 1991.....37,675.90

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TOTAL ASSETS.....\$138,605.32

## LIABILITIES

### (COMMITTED BUT UNPAID)

School District Taxes Payable..... 95,709.00

### Capital Reserve Fund

Tuttle Hill Bridge Fund.....23,265.05

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TOTAL LIABILITIES.....\$118,974.05

### Fund Balance, December 31, 1991:

Assets..... 138,605.32

Liabilities..... -118,974.05

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Balance..... \$ 19,631.27

Fund Balance, Dec. 31, 1990:..... \$ 73,848.60

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Change in Financial Condition..... - \$ 54,217.33

## TOWN OF ORANGE, NH CEMETERY AGENTS REPORT

This year as you drove by you were able to see your new road in Church Cemetery. With the dry weather we had this year it made the grass on the hill as slick as if it had rained; but with the new road I was able to go around and not tear up the place. I also was able to get some of the graves leveled up. We had one burial this year. Each year I have been cutting back the brush in French and Orange Common. As always if you have any helpful ideas or problems please contact me personally or let the selectmen know.

Respectfully,  
Cliff Williamson

# TOWN OF ORANGE

## REPORT FROM THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 1991

Dog licenses - 58 issued

for: 1 female

12 males

19 altered males

25 spayed females

and 1 group

\$ 292.00

Motor Vehicle Registrations

277 issued

\$15,353.00

Titles

108.00

Marriage Licenses

120.00

Election Filing Fees

11.00

U.C.C. Processing

46.00

Vital Records

90.00

Non-Sufficient Funds Charge

36.00

Other: Redeemed Check

30.00

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Total Reciepts

\$16,086.00

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Total Remittances to Treasurer

\$16,086.00

### VITAL STATISTICS

For Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1991

#### BIRTHS:

May 6, 1991, Hanover, New Hampshire, Zackery Jean-  
Claude to Rene M. and Stephanie Couquette.

May 22, 1991, Hanover, New Hampshire, Britny Laura  
to Warren R. and Kathy R. Morill.

#### MARRIAGES:

April 27, 1991, Jean Lillian Corwell of Orange to  
Steven Jeffery Cotting of Orange in Orange, New  
Hampshire.

July 7, 1991, Lonna Jane Becker of Johnson,  
Vermont to Jerry Allan McRetridge of  
Colchester, Vermont in Orange, New Hampshire.

#### DEATHS:

October 5, 1991, Alicia Lorna Adams, Age 4.

December 6, 1991, Joel Bradford Dalton, Age 60.

We hereby certify that the above returns are  
correct according to the best of our knowledge  
and belief.

Nancy Pike and Emily Heus  
Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk

## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1991:

Town Hall And Land.....	77,400.00
Other Town Properties (Land)	38,500.00
Furniture And Equipment.....	10,000.00
Library- Books & Equipment.....	2,000.00
Police Department.....	2,000.00
Highway Department.....	40,000.00
Cemetery Department.....	1,500.00
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TOTAL	\$ 171,400.00

Number of Inventories Distributed 1991..... 180

### APPROPRIATIONS EXPENDED:

Town.....	98,413.95
School.....	184,033.00
County.....	16,281.00

### OTHER:

Taxes Bought By Town..... 14,182.03

GRAND TOTAL (with interest on tax anticipation  
loan added) 104,413.95

### Tax Rate per

Municipal.....	3.99
County.....	1.05
School.....	12.49
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Rate per 1,000 \$ 17.53

### SUMMARY OF VALUATION

12/31/91

Land (Current Use Valuation)	229,572.00
Land (All Other)	5,896,700.00
Buildings	8,505,100.00
Public Utilities	363,900.00
Manufactured Housing	437,600.00
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TOTAL VALUATION	\$ 15,432,872.00

# TAX COLLECTORS REPORT

## FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1991

### DEBITS

#### UNCOLLECTED TAXES

FOR FISCAL YEAR:	<u>1992</u>	<u>1991</u>	<u>PRIOR</u>
Property Taxes			22,699.51
Resident taxes			290.00

#### TAXES COMMITTED TO COLLECTOR:

Property Taxes	258,688.00	
Resident Taxes	1,420.00	
Land Use Change Tax		5,304.00
Yield Tax	3,562.84	0.00
Costs		370.50

#### ADDED TAXES:

Resident Taxes	30.00
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#### OVERPAYMENTS:

a/c Property Taxes	1.93
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#### INTEREST COLLECTED ON

DELINQUENT TAXES:	33.10	2,208.57
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<u>TOTAL DEBITS</u>	<u>- 0 -</u>	<u>263,735.87</u>	<u>30,882.58</u>
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### CREDITS

#### REMITTED TO TREASURER

DURING FISCAL YEAR:	1992	1991	PRIOR
Property Taxes		213,948.13	22,699.51
Resident Taxes		1,120.00	120.00
Land Use Change tax		-0-	5,304.00
Yield Taxes		3,539.34	
Costs			370.50
Interest On Taxes		33.10	2,208.57
Penalties On Resident Tax			10.00

DISCOUNTS ALLOWED:	6,113.73
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#### ABATEMENTS ALLOWED:

Property Taxes	752.17	
Resident Taxes	90.00	170.00

#### UNCOLLECTED TAXES-End

#### Of Fiscal Year:

Property Taxes	37,875.90
Resident Taxes	240.00
Land Use Change Tax	-0-
Yield Tax	23.50

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Total Credits	263,735.87	30,882.58
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# SUMMARY OF TAX SALES/TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS

FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1991

## DEBITS-TAX SALES ON ACCOUNT OF LEVIES OF--

	1990	1989	Prior
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes Beginning Of Fiscal Year:		12,387.71	8,927.81
Taxes Sold/Executed To Town During Fiscal Year:	14,182.03		
Interest Collected After Sale/ Lien Execution:	17.20	-0-	3,225.96
Redemption Cost:	<u>23.00</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>113.33</u>
TOTAL DEBITS:	14,222.23	12,387.71	12,267.10
Remittance To Treasurer During Fiscal Year:			
Redemptions	317.24	-0-	8,927.81
Interest And Cost After Sale	40.20	-0-	3,339.29
Unredeemed Taxes- End Of Year	13,864.79	12,387.71	
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TOTAL CREDITS:	14,222.23	12,387.71	12,267.10

## GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC.

### STATISTICS FOR THE TOWN OF ORANGE

October 1, 1990 to September 30, 1991

During this fiscal year, GCSCC served 26 Orange residents (out of 54 residents over 60, 1990 Census).

SERVICES	TYPE OF SERVICE	UNITS OF SERVICE	UNIT(1) X COST	TOTAL COST OF SERVICE
Congregate/Home Delivered	Meals	756	x \$ 4.22	= \$ 3,190.00
Transportation	Trips	65	x \$ 5.49	= \$ 357.00
Adult Day Service	Hours	-0-	x \$ 4.43	= \$ -0-
Social Service	Half-Hours	70	x \$ 8.62	= \$ 603.00
Number of Orange Volunteers: <u>6</u>		Volunteer hours: <u>722</u>		

GCSCC Cost to Provide services for Orange Residents \$4,150(2)

Request for Senior Citizens for 1991	\$ 232
Received from Town of Orange for 1991	\$ 232
Request for Senior Services for 1992	\$ 307

Notes: (1) Unit cost from audit report for October 1, 1990 to September 30, 1991.

(2) Services were funded by: Federal and State Program 48%; Municipalities, Grants & Contracts, County and United Way 15%; Contributions 13%; In-Kind donations 20%; Other 2%; Friends of GCSCC 2%.

## AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

We, the undersigned auditors of the Town of Orange, have examined the financial reports of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Town Clerk, Tax collector, and Trustee of Trust Funds and find them to be correctly cast and properly vouched for the year ending December 31, 1991.

We commend Sharon Proulx, Judy Connelly, Nancy Pike, and Susan Pfaefflin for the fine condition of their financial records and their cooperation during the audit process.

As an aid for future audits the auditors recommend the following changes to their current operating procedures.

1. All requests for withdrawal of funds from the various Trust funds be via formal documentation similar to that used for requests from the Treasurer.

2. Selectmen should develop a cash book for noting direct receipt of funds and subsequent transfer to the Treasurer.

Susan Gabor  
James A. Marshall  
Auditors, Town of Orange

## Report of the Highway Department Detailed Statement of Payments

F.C. Hammond & Sons	Lumber & Gravel	\$ 119.97
Townline Equip. & Sales	Tines for York Rake	250.00
Roger Grace	Labor	556.20
AZCO Salt	8.5 Tons Road Salt	433.65
Kibby Equip. Inc.	Cutting Edge for Plow	89.50
Canaan Hard. & Supply	Fence Post, Nuts&Bolts	52.73
Clifford Dwyer Welding	Weld on Plow Edge	48.00
Shaker Valley Auto Parts	Town Truck Supplies	89.28
Shaker Valley Auto/Tire	Service Town Truck	99.12
Evans Motor Fuels	Gas for Town Truck	378.42
Ireton Construction Co.	Plowing & Sanding	<u>8,576.28</u>
	Total	\$10,732.65

### BLOCK GRANT

Shaker Valley Auto	Service Town Truck	\$ 61.62
Shaker Valley Auto	Hydraulic Fluid-Loader	27.95
Town Of Grafton	Grader Rental	918.00
Clifford Dwyer Welding	Weld Rake Tines	40.00
Roy Melanson	Purchase Gravel	369.00
Edwin E. Rowell Jr.	Contracted Road Work	66.50
Robert Bassett	Contract Road Grading	255.00
Arthur Whitcomb Inc.	Hard Pack For Roads	158.99
Canaan Hardware	Highway Dept. Supplies	36.25
Carl Patten Construction	Crushed Gravel	350.00
Elmer Grace	Labor On Roads	532.00
AZKO Salt Inc.	Road Salt	702.15
Pleasant valley Store	Gas For Town Truck	45.05
Bond Optics Inc.	Gravel	11.00
BlakTop Inc.	Cold Patch	174.75
Penn Culvert Co.	Culverts	559.65
Allard Rental	Chipper Rental	555.00
Evans Motor Fuels	Town Truck Gas	283.33
Donald C. Ford Trucking	Road Equipment Rent	9,330.00
Andrew Phelps	Labor On Roads	892.05
Iteton Construction Co.	Plowing & Sanding	<u>3,541.65</u>
	Total	\$18,909.94

## REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

1991 was a very dry and busy year for the New Hampshire Forest Fire Service as well as local fire departments due to our increase in the number of fires. Our three major causes of fires in 1991 were non-permit, children and smoking materials. 450 wildland fires in New Hampshire burned approximately 150 acres for an average fire size of one-third acre.

Primarily, the local fire department is responsible for extinguishing these fires. Keeping the average fire size this small is a tribute to early detection by citizens, our fire tower lookout system and the quick response of our trained local fire departments.

In every municipality, there is a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens that are responsible for directing suppression action on wildland fires, working with other fire department members under the direction of the N.H. Forest Fire Service to make sure that all fire department members are properly trained and equipped for suppressing wildland fires. Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Wardens receive specialized training each year, presented by the N.H. Forest Fire Service, to keep their skill level and knowledge of forest fire laws up to date.

The local Warden and selected Deputy Wardens are also responsible for issuing burning permits for any open burning that is to be done in their community. In New Hampshire, any open burning, except when the ground is completely covered with snow, requires a written fire permit prior to lighting the fire. Before doing any open burning, it is recommended that you contact your local fire department to see if a permit is required and to save your community the cost of sending fire equipment on a false alarm. Any person violating the permit law (RSA 224:27) shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Please help your local Warden and fire department by requesting a fire permit before kindling a fire, by understanding if they tell you it is not a safe day to burn and help keep New Hampshire green! Thank you for being fire safe.

Robert D. Nelson	Chief, Fire Protection
John Q. Ricard	Forest Ranger
Brent L. Stevens	Forest Fire Warden



## HIGHWAY REPORT

Summer road work included the following: ditching was done on several of the town roads where most needed. Dead trees were cut on Eastman road, Town House Road and Burnt Hill Road. Brush was cut where it was most needed on all town roads. Cold patching was done on the black-top roads. More road work was done on Burnt Hill road. All the town culverts were cleaned out, three had to be replaced. Bridge railings were put on Town House road bridge. Thanks are again due to Andy Phelps, Donald Ford and Lee Ford. Thanks again to Bill Cady for roadside mowing. Thanks to the Town of Grafton and John Bassett, their Road Agent for grading our town roads in Orange.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

Homicide	1	Fire	7
Death Investigation	1	Juvenile	10
Sexual Assault	3	Assault	2
Suspicious Activity	20	Missing Persons	11
Criminal Threatening	3	Environmental	5
Arson	1	Fish & Game	4
Burglaries	6	Animal Complaints	8
Thefts	10	Emergency Message	6
Fraud	8	Motor Vehicle	60
Criminal Mischief	6	Mutual Aid	15

The seriousness and complexity of the crimes have increased this year. Only through prevention, visibility and early intervention can we achieve savings and safety. Therefore, I ask for everyone's help in early reporting, so that I can be most efficiently meet the goals of safety and savings. The dispatch number is 523-4343.

The Orange Emergency Management Department has positioned itself, through meeting training criteria, to be eligible for federal funding should that become available.

Appropriations				
	1991	Expenditure 1991	Underspent 1991	Overspent 1991
HEALTH:				
F.A.S.T. Squad (Canaan)	1,000.00	1,000.00		
Grafton Cty. Sen. Citizens & Mascoma Home Health	950.00	907.00	43.00	
WELFARE:				
Direct Assistance	600.00	13.90	586.10	
CULTURE & RECREATION:				
Library	150.00	-0-	150.00	
Town Socials	150.00	36.54	113.46	
Patriotic Purposes	50.00	-0-	50.00	
DEBT SERVICE:				
Int./Tax Anticipation Note	6,500.00	6,000.00	500.00	
CAPITAL OUTLAY:				
Computer System	3,000.00	2,379.00	621.00	
File Cabinets	1,200.00	1,201.88		1.88
Town House Addition	500.00	111.00	389.00	
PAYMENTS TO CAPITAL RESERVES:				
Tuttle Hill Bridge	3,000.00	3,000.00		
MISCELLANEOUS:				
FICA Payments	1,500.00	946.23	553.77	
Insurance	7,000.00	5,404.00	1,596.00	
TOTALS:	\$111,559.94	\$104,414.16	\$22,499.48	\$564.70
				\$105,120.16

# Orange Town Budget- Purposes of Appropriation

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:		Appropriations 1991	Expenditure 1991	Underspent 1991	Overspent 1991	Recommended 1992
<u>Officers Salaries</u>	\$	5,500.00	\$5,047.80	\$452.20		\$ 5,500.00
<u>Officers Expenses</u>		7,250.00	5,015.32	2,234.68		6,000.00
<u>Elect. &amp; Registration</u>		500.00	530.90			1,600.00
<u>Cemeteries</u>		4,000.00	3,186.52	813.481		500.00
<u>General Gov't. Buildings</u>		3,500.00	3,121.72	378.283		500.00
<u>Property Reappraisal</u>		1,000.00	*13,670.00	330.00		1,000.00
<u>Planning &amp; Zoning</u>		1,500.00	1,103.50	396.50		1,000.00
<u>Legal Expenses</u>		1,500.00	430.00	1,070.00		1,500.00
<u>Membership</u>		750.00	711.00	39.00		750.00
PUBLIC SAFETY:						
<u>Police Department</u>		3,500.00	4,031.89		531.89	4,500.00
<u>Fire Department</u>		3,000.00	2,921.00	78.08		5,000.00
<u>Animal Control</u>		50.00	-0-	50.00		50.00
HIGHWAYS STREETS & BRIDGES:						
<u>Block Grant</u>		18,909.94	18,909.94			18,762.16
<u>General Highway Expense</u>		20,000.00	10,732.65	9,267.35		20,000.00
<u>Storm Damage</u>		-0-	1,789.00			-0-
SANITATION:						
<u>Garbage Removal</u>		6,950.00	6,925.50	24.50		7,258.00
<u>Lebanon Landfill</u>		7,750.00	5,205.80	2,544.20		6,500.00
<u>Recycling</u>		-0-	-0-			1,400.00
€ \$13,000.00 Appropriated at 1990 Town Meeting.						

## TOWN TREASURERS REPORT

Previously Listed Beginning Balance:.....62,371.96  
Error in Beginning Balance From  
Prior Years:.....- 87.39  
Cash on Hand Jan. 1, 1991:.....62,284.57

### RECEIVED FROM TAX COLLECTOR:

Property Tax Redeemed 1988.....	12,267.10
Property Tax Redeemed 1990.....	357.44
Property Tax 1990.....	22,699.51
Property Tax Interest 1990.....	1,640.97
Resident Tax 1990.....	120.00
Resident Tax Penalties 1990.....	10.00
Current Use 1990.....	5,304.00
Current Use Interest 1990.....	567.60
Property tax Costs 1990.....	370.50
Property Tax 1991.....	213,948.13
Resident Tax 1991.....	1,120.00
Yield Tax 1991.....	3,539.34
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	\$ 261,977.69

### RECEIVED FROM TOWN CLERK:

Motor Vehicle Permits.....	15,353.00
Titles.....	108.00
UCC.....	46.00
Dog Licenses.....	292.00
Election Filing Fees.....	11.00
Marriage Licenses.....	120.00
Vital Records.....	90.00
Non-Sufficient Funds Charge.....	66.00
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	\$ 16,086.00

### RECEIVED FROM BANKS:

Money Borrowed.....	125,000.00
Interest From Checking Account.....	4,062.10
Interest From Savings Account.....	228.76
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	129,290.86

### RECEIVED FROM STATE:

State of NH Revenue Distribution.....	4,910.00
State of NH Block Grant.....	18,909.94
Forest Land Reimbursement.....	3,902.28
Railroad Tax.....	291.40
NHMA Dividend.....	291.40
NHMW Refund.....	750.39
ZBA Workshop Non-Attendance Refund.....	10.00
	=====
	\$ 28,985.66



RECEIVED FROM MASCOMA SCHOOLS:

Checklist Reimbursement.....90.00

RECEIVED FROM SELECTMEN:

Pistol Permits..... 32.00

Timber Tax Yield Bonds..... 2,293.00

Building Permits..... 80.00

Driveway Permits..... 10.00

Zoning & Subdivision Registration..... 15.00

State Farm Auto Records Payment..... 10.00

GSC Electronics Rebate..... 4.00

ZBA Filing Fees..... 74.10

Tax Map Payment..... 55.00

Donation to Police & Fire..... 30.00

Tires, Trash Pick-Up..... 60.00

Decato Law..... 60.00

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\$2,703.10

RECEIVED FROM JUDY CONNELLY:

Cemetery Fund..... 2,350.00

Trust Fund For Appraisal..... 14,379.01

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\$ 16,729.01

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR 1991:

\$ 455,862.32

PAYMENTS:

Paid On Orders of Selectmen.....312,909.98

Bank Charges, Fees & Printing..... -0-

Bank Loans & Interest Paid 12/31/91..... 130,999.99

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TOTAL PAYMENTS

\$ 443,909.57

CASH ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 1991:

General Fund

Checkbook.....70,414.00

Savings Account..... 4,346.56

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TRUE CASH ON HAND

\$ 74,236.92

1991 TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE:

Amount Borrowed..... 125,000.00

Interest Paid..... 5,999.99

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\$ 130,999.99

INTEREST:

Paid..... \$ 5,999.99

Earned..... \$ 4,290.86

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Net Interest Cost \$ 1,709.13

TOWN HOUSE ADDITION FUND ON

HAND WITHIN GENERAL FUND:

\$1,950.92

CAPITAL RESERVE

REAPPRAISAL FUND:

MSB 12 Mo. 5.555%			
CD6005722	4733.54	5.555%	262.57
MSB 12 Mo. 6.23%			
CD60056500	3930.44	6.23%	244.99
MSB 12 Mo. 7.12%			
CD6008890	4861.31	7.12%	346.16
TOTALS:	\$13,525.29*		\$853.72

TUTTLE HILL  
BRIDGE FUND:

MSB 12 Mo. 9.37%			
CD386008838	9500.00	9.37%	4118.46*
MSB 12 Mo. 7.81%			
CD386008987	3000.00	7.81%	274.39
MSB 12 Mo. 7.89%			
386009136	3000.00	7.89%	250.56
TOTALS:	\$15,500.00		\$4,643.41

\* Reflects \$3,000.00 Added to This Fund as Per Town Meeting Vote of 1991.

23,265.05

# REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE

TOWN OF ORANGE

DECEMBER 31, 1991

NAME OF TRUST FUND	BALANCE BEGINNING	BALANCE END	BALANCE BEGINNING	BALANCE PERCENT	INCOME AMOUNT	END YEAR	GRAND TOTAL PRINCIPAL & INCOME
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MSB*386005459							
For The Following:							
Hannah M. French	200.00	200.00	530.78	7.25%	52.99	322.66	522.66
Jennie M. French	200.00	200.00	724.12	7.25%	67.01	530.02	730.02
Arthur A Briggs	100.00	100.00	246.65	7.25%	25.14	141.23	241.23
Clara A. Huse	100.00	100.00	223.13	7.25%	23.43	116.01	216.01
Asa Hoyt	100.00	100.00	230.88	7.25%	23.99	124.31	224.31
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Eastman	250.00	250.00	639.81	7.25%	64.52	377.94	627.94
Abbie Fellows	250.00	250.00	739.82	7.25%	71.78	485.21	735.21
Mr. & Mrs. A. Ford	250.00	250.00	757.73	7.25%	73.08	504.42	754.42
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Ford	250.00	250.00	794.92	7.25%	75.78	544.31	794.31
Lymon Batchelder	100.00	100.00	229.65	7.25%	23.91	123.01	223.01
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Totals:	1800.00	1800.00	5117.49	7.25%	501.63	3269.12	*5069.12
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\* 7-17-91 \$2350.00 was sent to the Treasurer for the Cemetery Road Work.

# Detailed Statement of Payments

## Town Officers Salaries:

Geraldine Daniels, Selectman	\$1,000.00
John Bayliss III, Selectman	750.00
Lyell C. Smith, Selectman	1,000.00
Leon Valia, Selectman	250.00
Susan Pfaefflin, Town Treasurer	625.00
Sharon Proulx, Tax Collector	625.00
Nancy Pike, Town Clerk	100.00
Judy Connelly, Trust Funds	100.00
Daniel Hazelton, Moderator	60.00
Brent Stevens, Budget Committee	50.00
Brent Stevens, Auditor	50.00
Fred Moore, Budget Committee	50.00
Fred Moore, Auditor	50.00
Robert Scotland, Budget Committee	50.00
Emily Webster, Deputy Town Clerk	<u>287.80</u>
Total	\$5,047.80

## Town Officers Expenses:

Carol Elliot, Registrar of Deeds	\$ 195.75
NH Municipal Association	20.00
Treasurer, State of NH (License Fee)	102.50
Sharon Proulx (Tax Collectors Expenses)	532.30
Canaan Hardware & Supply (Office Supplies)	90.18
Viking Office Products (Office Supplies)	264.73
Black Lightening Inc. (Copier Toner)	109.98
Mascoma Valley Messenger (Ads for Town)	154.20
Postmaster, Canaan, NH (Box Rent & Stamps)	79.00
Marie Wheeler (Selectmans Clerk)	185.50
Leon Valia (typewriter & postage)	162.16
Stamped Envelope Unit (Treasurer & Selectmen)	312.00
DaTown (Running Residents Tax & Mailing Labels)	120.78
Nancy Pike (Reimbursement)	4.50
Loring, Short & Harmon (Forms)	18.29
Dow Manufacturing Co. (Dog Tags)	12.00
Avitar Associates of N.E. (Abatement Forms)	25.50
John Bayliss III (Computer Supplies)	45.50
Donald & Susan Pfaefflin (Postage)	34.01
The Flower Knook (Flowers)	25.00
Daniel Hazelton (Workshop Attendance Fee)	15.00
Fountain of Fonts (Typesetting Town Report)	182.00
Mascoma Graphics (Town Reports)	432.25
Sargent-Sowell Inc. (Town Seal for Town Clerk)	31.51
Sandi Pierson (Selectmen's Clerk)	<u>1,349.59</u>
Total	\$4,504.23



### Cemetery:

Cliff Williamson, Labor, Gas & Oil	\$ 753.76
Daniel Hazelton, grade Stakes	20.00
Canaan Hardware, Supplies	62.76
Ireton's Construction, Access Road	<u>2,350.00</u>
Total	\$3,186.52

### Election & Registration Expenses:

Mascoma Messenger (Ads)	\$ 130.90
Anita Watson (Supervisor of Checklist)	86.03
Mary Lindahl (Supervisor of Checklist)	65.00
Rhoda Farr (Supervisor of Checklist)	59.00
Fountain of Fonts (Ballots)	50.00
Daniel Hazelton (Moderator)	20.00
Frances Valia (Ballot Clerk)	20.00
Laura Sturtevant (Ballot clerk)	20.00
Geraldine Daniels (Selectman)	20.00
Leon Valia (Selectman)	20.00
Lyell Smith (Selectman)	20.00
Nancy Pike (Town Clerk)	<u>20.00</u>
Total	\$ 530.93

### Planning & Zoning:

Office of State Planning (Seminars)	\$ 40.00
Lawrence Gardner (Legal Advise)	89.70
Mascoma Messenger (Notices for Boards)	177.10
Sandi Pierson (Secretary / Planning & ZBA)	<u>796.70</u>
Total	\$1,103.50

### Town Hall Expenses:

N.E. Telephone	\$ 464.83
N.H. Electric Cooperative, Inc.	389.60
Canaan Hardware & Supply	63.02
Roger L. Remacle Jr. & Co. (Backhoe)	50.00
Hazelton Professional Carpentry (reroof T. Hall)	1050.00
Lyell C. Smith (Shovelling Walkways)	20.00
Timothy Smith (Mowing & Raking)	133.00
Synergy Gas (Heating Gas)	<u>951.27</u>
Total	\$ 3,121.72

### Membership:

Upper valley Lake Sunapee Council	\$ 196.00
N.H. Tax Collectors Assoc. (Dues)	15.00
N.H. Municipal Assoc. (Annual Membership)	<u>500.00</u>
Total	\$ 711.00

Police Department:

Andy Ware (Salary & Mileage)	\$3,926.39
Shooting Sports Supply (Police Supplies)	<u>105.50</u>
Total	\$4,031.89

Highway & Bridges:

General Highway Expenses	\$10,732.65
Block Grant	<u>18,909.94</u>
Total	\$29,642.59

Building Inspector:

Donald Pfaefflin	\$ <u>81.12</u>
Total	\$ 81.12

Culture & Recreation:

Marilyn Johnson (Christmas Party Supplies)	\$ <u>36.54</u>
Total	\$ 36.54

New Equipment:

Viking Office Supplies	
(2 Fireproof Filing Cabinets)	\$1,201.88
Applied Graphics (Computer System)	1,970.00
Viking Office Products (Computer Work Station)	206.54
Joy Marshall (Computer Software)	82.00
John Bayliss III (Computer Software)	<u>120.00</u>
Total	\$3,580.42

Public Welfare:

Evans Fuel Mart (Gas)	\$ <u>13.90</u>
Total	\$ 13.90

Health Department:

Senior Citizens Council	\$ 232.00
Mascoma Home Health Services	675.00
Canaan Fast Squad (Annual Payment)	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total	\$1,907.00

Insurance & Social Security:

Alexander & Alexander	
(Public Officials Liability)	\$1,020.00
Reginald Barney (Bonding)	396.00
N.H. Municipal Assoc. (Property Liability)	3,238.00
Compensation Funds of NH (Workmans Comp.)	750.00
Internal Revenue Service (Social Security)	<u>946.23</u>
Total	\$6,350.23

Fire Department:

Town of Canaan (Contract Fee)	\$2,875.00
Brent Stevens (Fire Training)	<u>46.92</u>
Total	\$2,921.92

## Sanitation:

Tom Ireton (Landfill Fees)	\$4,468.80
Tom Ireton (Annual Payment)	6,925.00
Town of Grafton (Use of Transfer Station)	<u>440.00</u>
Total	\$12,131.30

## Miscellaneous Payments:

Sharon Proulx (Yield Tax Escrow)	\$ 450.00
Treasurer, State of N.H. (Record Searches)	54.00
N.H. Property Defense Fund (Contribution)	250.00
Continuous Forest Management (Timber Tax Refund)	<u>7.09</u>
Total	\$ 761.09

## Town Hall Addition:

Canaan Hardware (Plumbing & Heating Parts)	\$ 52.22
Lyell C. Smith (Reimbursement for Materials)	<u>59.03</u>
Total	\$111.25

## Reappraisal:

Apple Appraisals Inc. (Reevaluation)	\$13,550.00
Christopher E. Rollins (Tax Map Copies)	<u>120.00</u>
Total	\$13,670.00

## Legal:

Laurance Gardner (Preparing Welfare Guidelines)	<u>\$ 180.00</u>
Total	\$ 180.00

## Storm Damage:

Roger Grace (Labor)	\$ 154.00
Albert Bassett (Labor)	50.00
Allard's Rental (Chipper)	190.00
Walter Buckwold (Cleanup Logs & Brush)	1,310.00
Charles Casoli (Labor)	<u>85.00</u>
Total	\$ 1,789.00

## Payment to Capital Outlay:

Capital Reserve Fund	<u>\$ 3,000.00</u>
Total	\$ 3,000.00

## Payment to Other Government Divisions:

School District	\$184,033.00
County Tax	<u>16,281.00</u>
Total	\$200,314.00

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Taxes Bought by Town: Total	\$ 14,182.03
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GRAND TOTAL

\$312,909.98

## ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1991

After quite a bit of member interchanging, the ZBA now has a full and solid board. Nate Harpootlian, after showing exemplary leadership as Chairman, decided not to accept a re-appointment last March. Others who provided service on the Board this past year were Gerri Daniels, Marc Braun and Ray Miller.

The ZBA heard two cases this year, one being an appeal of an administrative (Selectmens) decision regarding a building permit and the other being an appeal of a Planning Board decision.

Last March the ZBA voted to have their regularly scheduled meetings every other month instead of once a month. The meetings are now held the Third Saturday at 9:00 A.M. of each odd numbered month. If necessary, the Chairman may call other meetings/ hearings of which the public will be legally notified.

### Hearings During 1991:

Date: May 8

Applicant: Tim & Judy Connelly/ Evelyn Scotland

For: Zoning Variance (Building Permit)

Motion: To Approve

Date: November 23

Applicant: Dale Eastman/ Archie & Ada Eastman

For: Planning Board Decision (re: Eastman Electronic)

Motion: To Approve

We encourage the public to attend any of our meetings. If you have a question or concern relating to the Zoning Board you may call Donald Pfaefflin at 523-7908. The minutes of all meetings are available at the Selectmans Office.



# Orange Planning Board

## Annual Report for 1991

Again it was a fairly quiet year for the Planning board during 1991. In March, Marc Braun resigned from the Board. At Sandi Pierson's request, she was appointed to replace Marc. Sandi has been the clerk for the board since February of 1988. We recently learned that Chairman Bob Ellis has decided not to accept a re-appointment to the board due to employment reasons. Bob has served on the Board for many years and has been the Chairman since early 1988. Also, Skip Smith will no longer be the Selectman's representative to the board as he is not seeking or accepting another term as Selectman.

The Planning Board met with the Selectmen regarding a policy on issuing building permits on Class VI roads. After much discussion it was decided to deal with each Class VI permit request on an individual basis as opposed to a blanket policy.

Due to new State legislation, any monies generated by the Planning board no longer go into the Town's general fund but, instead, go into a fund maintained by the Planning Board itself.

During the year the Board attended an informative training workshop conducted by the N.H. Municipal Association. The program was presented by Bernie Waugh, attorney for the Association, and was well attended.

### 1991 Subdivision Hearings:

Date: October 28

Applicant: Dale Eastman

For: Zoning clarification as operate Eastman Electric Supply on an abutting property.

Motion: Deny, recommend ZBA hear case.

Date: November 26

Applicant: Amenity, Inc. (Nicolas Loupis)

For: Minor, 2 lot subdivision on Cross Road.

Motion: To Approve.

The Orange Planning Board meets the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M. at the Town House (unless otherwise noted). Notice of meetings will be posted at the Canaan Post Office and the Town House. Any subdivisions or hearings coming before the board shall be published in the Mascoma valley Messenger. The public is encouraged to attend our meetings. The minutes of all meetings are available at the Office of the Selectmen.

# MASCOMA HOME HEALTH SERVICES

## TOWN REPORT - 1991

We are pleased to have the opportunity to report on the activities of Mascoma Home Health Services for 1991, our Twenty Second year of providing home and community health care to the residents of your community.

This has been a year of tremendous growth in the need and request for home care services. Nursing visits have increased 60%. We are proud of our staff of nurses, home health aides, therapists, homemakers and parent aides. Their experience, dedication and skill in caring for people in their home has made it possible for us to meet this challenge.

The Maternal and Child Health Program is available to young families in the community. This program includes a well child clinic with an enrollment of 175 children 0-6 years of age who receive immunizations, physical exams, vision screening, and information on nutrition, dental care, safety, child development. Follow-up home visits to some children and families are made by nurses specializing in pediatric care and patient aides, to help them care for themselves and their children in the most productive and positive way possible. This year we have added a Respite Child Care Program available to families enrolled in our programs.

Community clinics including, monthly blood pressure screenings, routine foot care and a yearly Flu Clinic are also a part of the health promotion activities of the agency. Anyone is welcome to attend these clinics.

This year the professional staff has made 10,056 home visits. In the town of Orange 38 visits were made. Twelve individuals received services in all programs.

On behalf of the Board of Directors made up of community volunteers, the staff and the people who are helped by your care a thank you for your part in making our programs possible. We look forward to working with you in the coming year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet G. Knight  
Executive Director

## RECYCLING COMMITTEE

### RECYCLING- WHAT HAS IT MEANT FOR ORANGE?

Orange's recycling effort has been encouraging during 1991. Although it's impossible to estimate accurate participation by residents of the town, activity at the Canaan Transfer Station has steadily increased as reported by volunteer leaders such as Gerri Daniels of Orange and Gary Woods of Canaan. This in turn has cut down on our regular trash pick-up each week. As most Orange residents know, we currently recycle clear, amber and green glass, aluminum cans and foil, steel and tin cans, plastic milk and juice jugs, newspapers, plastic pop bottles, glossy catalogues, corrugated cardboard, and magazines. You may also drop off used oil at the Lebanon recycling center on Route 12A in West Lebanon, but not as yet in Canaan.

In the future those of us who have been active in the 11 town Upper Valley Solid Waste Management District which includes Orange hope to have a system for regular hazardous waste drop-off sites somewhere in the Upper valley to receive paint cans, batteries etc.

Financially we are averaging approximately \$65/ton for Canaan/Hanover/Lebanon/Orange operating expenses at the Lebanon recycling center. Thus our total costs for 1991 including our 10% share of Canaan's recycling center operating and equipment costs plus transportation to Lebanon and our proportionate share of Lebanon recycling center's capital equipment is \$1,395. We are hopeful that one or more other towns in the Upper Valley will join our initial 4 in utilizing our Lebanon facility during 1992. When this occurs, a proportionate refund of the original equipment costs will be made to Orange and the other charter member towns.

The chief advantage of recycling is of course an environmental one - a reuse of many of our resources rather than discarding same in landfills. Landfills are becoming an ever more costly item to build - the new one now being built in Lebanon is estimated at \$1 Million. In addition, when the new one is built, the old one has to be "capped off" at an estimated cost of \$500,000. The average lifespan of landfills absent of recycling efforts has been estimated at ten years. With our Lebanon recycling center plus the joint effort of Canaan/Orange's transfer station recycling team in place we hope to expand the new landfill lifespan by at least five years.

If you haven't as yet joined our recycling bandwagon, try it - you'll like it! We in Orange have been singled out in the press as one of the originator recycling communities in the Upper valley. We are concerned citizens when it comes to preserving the pristine beauty of our town and recycling is a manifestation of that concern.



# ORANGE TOWN MEETING MINUTES

12 March 1991

Polls opened at 3:00 p.m. Moderator Daniel Hazelton  
Business meeting started at: 7:01 p.m.

ARTICLE 1: To choose by ballot and plurality vote a Town Clerk, a Town Treasurer, one Selectman for three years, one Cemetery Agent, one Overseer of Public Welfare, one Budget Committee Member for three years, two Auditors, one Road Agent, one Tax Collector, one Library Trustee, one Deeding Agent, one Trustee of Trust Funds for one year and other officers that the Town may judge necessary. Election of Officers were held. Votes tabulated when meeting was over.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes to pay necessary Town charges. Moved and seconded. No discussion. Passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to give a discount of three percent on taxes paid in full within thirty days from the date of the bill, with the stipulation that the discount becomes forfeited if it is not deducted by the payer at the time the payment is made. Moved and seconded. No discussion. Passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the town will vote to authorize the prepayment of taxes and to authorize the Tax Collector to accept payments in prepayment of taxes in accordance with provisions of N.H.R.S. 80:52-2. Moved and seconded. No discussion. Passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and the Deeding Agent to administer or dispose of any real estate acquired through the Tax Collectors Deed in the town or to the original owner, as justice may require. Moved and seconded. No discussion. Passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the town will vote to authorize the prepayment of resident taxes and authorize the Tax Collector to accept payment in prepayment of taxes. Moved and seconded. No discussion. Passed by voice vote.



ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept and expend gifts of money or personal property, for the purpose intended by the donor and in addition apply, receive and expend any federal or state assistance not anticipated as of the annual Town Meeting, on the condition that the Selectmen shall account to the voters of the Town for such additional receipts and expenses in accordance with the provisions of N.H.R.S. 31:95B. Moved and seconded. No discussion. Passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 from the Cemetery Trust Funds for the construction of an exit road out of the Church cemetery. Recommended by the Cemetery Commission. Moved and seconded. Selectman Lyell Smith explained what the proposed change would be. He stated it would allow the vault trucks better access to the lower part of the cemetery. Mr. Williamson stated that the area was quite sandy and a road going down the hill would be much easier for the heavy vault trucks. Mr. Proulx expressed concern that it might encourage unwanted traffic and possible vandalism and ruin the beautiful tranquil setting that exists. Selectman Gerri Daniels stated that convenience was not the only issue but that it would make the lower part more accessible and available for sale. Mrs. Pfaefflin suggested that an amendment be added to include a gate. Further discussion. Selectman Valia stated that a gate for the entrance and exit had been planned. The Moderator called for a hand vote. Article passed.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the town will Vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to purchase a computer system for the Selectmen's office. Moved and seconded. Discussion held. Selectmen explained why it was necessary. Mrs. Proulx questioned if the requested amount would be enough. Further discussion. Mrs. Marshall asked an amendment be added to read " If the Selectmen would find they need more money for the computer equipment they be allowed to spend up to a total of \$3,000.00." Amended article passed by voice vote.

Moderator Daniel Hazelton stated to the audience that before going on to the following article the Selectmen

would like to take a poll of who would be interested in viewing a video they had regarding timber bridges which the following Article dealt with. By hand vote it was decided to watch the video after the meeting.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 as a fourth installment to be added to the Tuttle Hill Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. Moved and seconded. Mrs. Proulx asked if the Town would have any say in what was going to be built. Selectman Valia stated that we would have partial say, and we were currently on a waiting list with 1995 as the projected year for the bridge to be constructed. Selectman Smith stated that the \$3,000.00 would bring the total up to \$21,621.64, which was a little over what the State suggested we set aside. Further discussion. Article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the town will vote to appropriate the Highway Block grant Fund of \$18,909.94 for construction, reconstruction, and maintainance of Class 4 or 5 highways and for the purchase of equipment. Moved and seconded. Selectman Valia stated that no special equipment was planned, only replacements if needed. He explained the type of work that might have to be done, such as ditching, culvert work, cold patching and the removal of dead trees etc. Mr. Proulx asked about the Block Grant Money. Discussion held. Article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600.00 for the purchase of a fireproof safe for the Selectmen's office. Moved and seconded. Mr. Sova entered an amendment to increase the amount to \$1,200.00 for two safes, one for the Selectmen and one for the Treasurer. Amendment moved and seconded. Amended article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 13: Optional Adjusted Elderly Exemptions: Shall we adopt optional adjusted elderly exemptions from property tax? The optional exemptions, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers shall be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$15,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$20,000; for a person 80 years or older, \$30,000. To

qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least five years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by his spouse, they must have been married for at least five years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of less than \$10,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$12,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$30,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. (This article will be voted on by a yes or no paper ballot). Mr. Sova made a motion to pass over the Article until the polls have been closed. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$250 to be donated to the New Hampshire Property Taxpayers Defense. The purpose of this fund is to recover money spent by municipalities on unfunded state mandates. Moved and seconded. Selectman Smith explained that in 1984 a constitutional amendment was passed requiring that the State not mandate any new programs without funding. Over the course of the years the State tried working around that amendment mandating several programs which have cost municipalities money. The Supreme Court recently stated that the State was wrong. Currently the City of Franklin is attempting to see how much the State owes. They have asked the towns for help with the legal fees of this court case. Selectman Smith stated although there are no guarantees, it is possible to recoup monies. Discussion held. Mr. Reed proposed an amendment "to accept the proposed Article with the proviso that the Selectmen may judge, after further information." Seconded. Amended Article defeated by voice vote. Voted on regular amendment. Passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for the work on the Town Hall addition. Moved and seconded. Selectman Smith stated a retaining wall is needed in back of the new addition. Discussion was held. Mrs. Stevens raised the question about roof repair monies. Moderator Daniel Hazelton closed polls at 8:00 p.m. Further discussion was held regarding Article. Passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 13: The Article previously had been moved until after the polls closed. Discussion was held regarding what the Article meant. Mr. Sova explained further. Mr. Moore raised the concern that although it solves



the problem now, a few years down the road it would be off. Questions were raised about reassessment. Selectmen reassured everyone that reassessment would be done this year. Mr. Sova stated we should be on the side of the elderly. Question was moved and seconded. A paper ballot was held; ballot outcome was 43 yes votes, 2 no votes. Article passed by paper ballot.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town, pursuant to RSA;231:22 -A, will vote to reclassify the section of Tug Mountain Road from Brun's camp to the Marc Braun residence, from Class 6 to Class 5; with the condition that the road be upgraded with the betterment assessment under RSA; 231:28-30. Moved and seconded. Mr. Prosser asked the people not to pass the Article as it could eventually change how the Town could develop in the future. Discussion held. Article was voted down by voice vote.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$109,959.94 as called for by the budget, recommended by the budget Committee, and pass any vote in relation thereto. Moved and seconded. Mrs. Pfaefflin stated the Article needed to be amended to reflect the previous changes, amount should be read \$111,559.94. Mrs. Stacy questioned about the Library, Selectman Daniels explained that at the previous budget hearing it was decided to bring the question before the people and let them decide what should be done. Moderator Hazelkton suggested that this be discussed under Article 19. The amended Article passed by voice vote

ARTICLE 18: To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, and other officers heretofore and pass any vote relative thereto. Moved and seconded. Mr. Moore gave the recycling report stating that we have had phenomenal success. From last August to the end of the year the two towns had saved some 27 tons of recycled items. Mr. Moore asked for a show of hands to see how many residents currently use the recycling station. Over half the residents in attendance raised their hands. Selectman Daniels states that many people from our town also volunteer at the recycling station. Mr. Moore stated recently a recycling logo contest was held in the local high schools with Mascoma Valley Regional High School winning. Mr. Proulx stated that some of the figures in the Town Report were incorrectly written. On page



sixteen of the Town Report under Summary of Tax Sales/ Liens Accts. near the bottom of the page, under Total Debts in the 1989 column, the figure should read \$15,795.58. Also at the top of the page under Overpayments- a/c Property Taxes, the first column reads \$214.14. The amount missing that goes next to it is \$4.00. Mrs. Daniels stated that in the front of the book under the Planning Board the following names should be added: Ray miller, Fred Moore, Daniel Hazelton.

ARTICLE 19: To transact any business that may legally come before the meeting not on the warrant. Mr. Sova asked for a show of hands of those residents who would prefer a Saturday School Meeting or a Monday evening School Meeting. Mr. Proulx asked for an update on the reappraisal of the town. Selectman Valia stated that it would start approximately the first week in May. Mr. Marshall stated the Town should be proud of the job the Boy Scouts did in constructing the ramp outside the Town House. A round of applause was given. The work was done by Eagle Scout Joe Stacy and the Grafton Boy Scout troop. Mrs. Cady asked about the current status of the Library. Selectman Daniels stated it was the Board's feeling that we keep it open and allocate funds or close it. State laws need to be followed if it is to be kept open. Discussion held. Mr. Sova suggested a committee to be formed to look into what should be done. Volunteers were Charles Sova, Sharon Proulx, Kathy Stacy, Sue Pfaefflin, Louise Cady, Jo Moulton and Jean Williamson. Joy Marshall stated a thank you to be given to whoever did the Town Report and a thank you for the fine job the Selectmen have done this year. A round of applause was given. Mrs. Proulx made a motion that, at the discretion of the Librarian, anything upstairs that is junk should be cleaned out. The Moderator stated he felt a round of applause should be give to Mr. Gwynne Prosser, who is moving in the near future. A standing ovation was given. Mr. Gwynne Prosser has been an active member of our Town for many years.

ARTICLE 20: There being no further business, the moderator adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

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